Otometic Syndrome

Act.7

CHATTER
...EH?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
A WEIRD GAME
FELL OUT OF OUJI-KUN'S BAG...
CHATTER
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WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?
THAT'S ...
SHO-TAIDO?! WHY DOES OUJI HAVE THAT...
"SUCH GAMES ARE SOMETHING I ABHOR."
HE BOUGHT A COPY SOMEWHERE ELSE AFTER THAT?
AND PLACED IT INSIDE HIS BAG AND FORGOT?
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT SHOULD STILL BE INSIDE A BAG...
MAYBE HE ACTUALLY...
...I KNOW THIS GAME
!!
I SAW MY YOUNGER SISTER PLAYING THIS YESTERDAY...
OUJI-KUN, DO YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF INTEREST...?
TH-THIS IS BAD! HURRY AND DENY IT...
WHY WON'T YOU DENY IT LIKE YOU DID YESTERDAY...?!

AH! IS THIS A CHANCE FOR ME TO HELP HIM?
IS THIS A SPECIAL EVENT FROM THE GODS IN WHICH I HAVE TO RAISE HIS AFFECTION LEVEL?!
WHAT DO I DO?
A: Hurt myself
B: There's a deep reason for this...
C: Propagate the good qualities of otome games
*The appropriate response will pick the best route.
You:
What do I do? Ouji is in a pinch! The only thing I can do here is
OUJI-KUN IS ABOUT TO CHOOSE WRONGLY! WILL HE BE FORCED TO LIVE IN A BAD END!
BUT WHAT THE HECK DO I DO?! HIMSELF, ONE'S ACTIONS, ANYTHING? SOMETHING WILL BE IT?
EVEN MORE COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN IT TO THEM!
BUT IF I LEAVE THINGS AS IS, OUJI WILL--!
SPIN
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...HM?
SQUEEZE
I SEE!
CLATTER
THA-
THAT'S MINE!
MARCH MARCH MARCH
...HUH?
THANKS A LOT! (MONOTONE)
I THOUGHT I LOST IT-
SO OUJI-KUN PICKED IT UP FOR ME!
HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA (MONOTONE)
AH
GRAB
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO!
O-O-O-OH, YEAH! OUJI-KUN!
BY THE WAY, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU PICKED THIS UP?
SEE, THERE'S A CHANCE THAT I MIGHT LOSE IT AGAIN...
NO... I'LL LOSE IT! I'LL DEFINITELY LOSE IT!
WHA...
WAIT...
SHIT
WOOSH
EH...

W-WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
CHATTER
SO IT WAS OTO-ME'S....
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU THERE'S NO WAY
BUT OUJI-KUN WASN'T SAYING ANYTHING, SO I WAS SURE...
CHATTER
HE'S PROBABLY ANGRY BECAUSE WE HAD WEIRD IDEAS
WHAT NOW...?
TOWADA... AND OTOME GAMES?
PANT PANT
H-HUH...? NO ONE'S FOLLOWING US
AND I WAS READY TO GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, TOO...
THE SPOT BEHIND THE BOOKCASE IS WELL-HIDDEN SO PEOPLE RARELY COME HERE
AH, UMM... SORRY FOR DOING THIS ON MY OWN
BUT IF I DIDN'T, I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL GET A CHANCE TO GIVE THIS BACK...

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…I HAVE TO ASK NOW

…OU-JI-KUN

WELL… IT'S ABOUT YESTER-DAY
YOU SAID IT WAS FOR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY, BUT THE TRUTH IS—
BUTTCH

…SORRY

THE TIMID OUJI…!

IT'S AS YOU HAVE SAID…
THIS IS MINE
!

OTOME GAMES, I MEAN!
SO YOU REALLY LIKE THEM!

…I GUESS
BUT HE'S NOT TOO FOND OF THEM
…HE?

I'M... NOT USED TO TALKING WITH PEOPLE.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU TALKED TO ME.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO REPLY BACK.
...BEFORE I KNEW IT, MY MIND WENT BLANK—
AND THEN
HE—
...AH
BY "HE"...
YOU MEAN THE GLASSES GUY, YESTERDAY?
DO YOU HAVE A SPLIT PERSONALITY...?
.....
...ONCE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME...
I'M SURE YOU WILL REGRET IT

BUT SINCE YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS MUCH,
THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN HIDING IT
...I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING
THE REASON WHY I PLAY OTOME GAMES...

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